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1. Test drillings began in the forest around Mnisek pod Brdy in the middle of 1952¹. Several mining towers were erected and work went on day and night. Apart from normal miners, some 150 prisoners were put to work here. The materials mined were put into canvas bags and sent to Jachymov.
2. From all this, the local population assumed that uranium deposits had been found here. This activity, however, seemed to have completely stopped in the summer of 1953.
3. Instead, [] considerable deposits of iron ore were discovered in this area in 1953 and that exploitation began immediately. 50X1-HUM
4. The deposits are in the vicinity of the highway to Prague and are said to be very substantial. This is evidenced by the fact that 15 tenement houses were built there in 1953 for employees of the mine. Opposite these houses, on the westside of the road to Prague, there now is a large mining tower. 50X1-HUM

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